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SUBJ: UN WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING (WGRS):

TASK FORCE ON DATA DISSEMINATION

1. TASK FORCE CONVENED FEBRUARY 13 TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING DATA DISTRIBUTION. MEMBERS SEEMED GENERALLY TO AGREE THAT TASK FORCE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SINGLE OBJECTIVE MANDATED BY OSC; ACCORDINGLY "GENERAL DEBATE" DROPPED FROM AGENDA FOR TASK FORCE PHASE OF SESSION ALTHOUGH RETAINED FOR WORKING GROUP PROPER.

2. PROCEEDING AT MEASURED PACE AND SEEMINGLY STILL UNSURE AS TO BEST WAY TO FULFILL MANDATE, SESSION SO FAR HIGHLIGHTED BY MAJOR U.S. PRESENTATION FEB. 14 DESIGNED TO BRING BASIC REALISM TO TASK FORCE DELIBERATIONS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JAFFE OUTLINED U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH ERTS-1 AND EREP, POINTING TO PROBLEMS AS WELL AS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. JAFFE STATED THAT DATA PROCESSING, REPRODUCTION, AND DISSEMINATION ARE PROVING SO EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING THAT NO ONE FACILITY AT ALL LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO MEET WORKDWIDE NEEDS EFFICIENTLY. HE IMPLICITLY ENCOURAGED CONSIDERATION OF

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REGIONAL APPROACH NOTING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES

IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF WORLD WHICH NOW HAVE OR HAVE EXPRESSED VARIOUS DEGREES OF INTEREST IN NATIONAL EARTH STATIONS.

3. JAFFE NOTED U.S.S.R. RESPONSE TO SECRETARIAT'S REMOTE SENSING QUESTIONNAIRE HAD MENTIONED VOLUNTARY SUBMISSIONS OF DATA BY STATES (PLURAL) TO POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CENTER. HE ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT OTHER DATA SOURCES THAN ERTS MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE; IF SO, COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ENVISAGING THEMSELVES AS SUCH SOURCES SHOULD IDENTIFY POSSIBILITIES. BESIDES QUANTITATIVE IMPLICATIONS, PROBLEMS OF PROCESSING COMPATIBILITY ARE MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES.

4. JAFFE ALSO NOTED RECENT ADVANCE IN SCHEDULE FOR ERTS-B LAUNCH FROM 1976 TO EARLY 1975, ADDUCING HIGH INTERNATIONAL INTEREST AS ONE REASON TO NARROW GAP BETWEEN PROBABLE END OF ERTS-1 USEFUL LIFE AND RESUMPTION OF OUR EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM.

5. BESIDES U.S. PRESENTATION, MORE OR LESS SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTIONS HAVE COME SO FAR FROM CANADA, ITALY, SWEDEN, ESRO, AND FAO. CANADA, APPRECIATEVELY CITING COOPERATION WITH NASA, ELUCIDATED BENEFITS IT PERCEIVED FOR ITS REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM IN HAVING CANADIAN ERTS EARTH STATION. CANADIAN SPOKESMAN ALSO LISTED FOUR APPLICATIONS (WHEAT CROP EVALUATION, POLAR ICE SURVEY, LAND USE MAPS, AND FOREST INVENTORY) AS ESPECIALLY PROMISING AND ASSERTED CANADA WAS MOVING TOWARD "OPERATIONAL" USE OF DATA. CANADA ALSO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONALLY OR BILATERALLY SUPPORTED U.N. FACILITY IN A DEVELOPING AREA. ITALY OUTLINED PLANS FOR EARTH STATION ON BASIS OF RECENTLY INITIALLED BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DATA COVERAGE OF ITALIAN STATION TO BE FROM SCANDINAVIA TO CENTRAL AFRICA AND FROM CASPIAN SEA TO BRITISH ISLES. SWEDEN ANNOUNCED DECISION TO ACQUIRE A SET OF ERTS-1 DATA OF SWEDEN AND ESTABLISH DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR NATION. ESRO HELPFULLY INDICATED PROMISE IN REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. FAO, WHILE AVOIDING OVERT BID TO BECOME ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER, CLEARLY DISPLAYED STRONG INTEREST IN PRIMACY AMONG SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN UN'S INVOLVEMENT IN FIELD. FAO PRESENTATION INDICATED THAT THEIR PROCEDURES ACKNOWLEDGED NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BY OBTAINING PERMISSION OF INVOLVED STATES PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION.

6. FOLLOWING ITALIAN PRESENTATION, UK DELEGATION EXPRESSED

CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE RADIO INTERFERENCE BETWEEN ERTS-1  
RADIATIONS OVER REGION I (EUROPE) AND TROPOSCATTER  
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN NORTH SEA. JAFFE  
PRIVATELY ASKED UK DELEGATION FOR DETAILS OF CONCERN  
AND ALERTED NASA TO PREPARE POSITION ON SUBJECT.

7. USGS-SPONSORED VISIT TO EROS SIOUX FALLS DATA FACILITY  
CLEARLY SUCCESSFUL: NUMBER OF DELEGATES HAVE EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION FOR TRIP'S CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE  
OF WHAT CONCRETELY INVOLVED IN REMOTE SENSING DATA  
PROCESSING AND MANAGEMENT. CANADA HAS NOW INVITED  
DELEGATES TO VISIT PRINCE ALBERT FACILITY.  
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